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I would like to thank the Kingdom of Jordan for hosting this year EBRD Annual meeting. Also, it is a great pleasure for Lebanon to attend this annual meeting for the first time as a member country.

I am also pleased to learn that EBRD will open a full-fledged office in Beirut in the coming months and I will assist you in making this process as smooth as possible.

Lebanon Crisis Response

Lebanon is facing political, economic and security challenges which are exacerbated by the war in Syria and the crisis of displaced Syrians in Lebanon. Syria's war has hindered Lebanon's land exports to Jordan, Iraq and oil-rich Gulf Arab countries. Lebanon is also hosting around 1.5 million refugees (accounting for nearly a quarter of the country's population).

On April 6, 2018, Lebanon secured over \$11 billion in soft loans and grants from international donors at a conference in Paris (Cedre conference) as the international community pledged support to help the debt-ridden country revamp its ailing infrastructure and bolster its economy. The meeting has taken center stage in the French capital, and gathered ministers and investors from 50 countries. In total, donors committed \$11.6 billion in loans and grants:

We highly appreciate the significant contribution of the EBRD reflected in the below table:

Country	Amount (USD Million)	Percentage	Type
World Bank	4,000	34.4%	Soft Loans
EBRD	1,350	11.6%	Soft Loans
Saudi Arabia	1,000	8.6%	Credit Reinstated
European Investment Bank	980	8.4%	Soft Loans
Islamic Development Bank	750	6.5%	Soft Loans
France	500	5.8%	Soft Loans
	173		Grants
Arab Fund	500	4.3%	Soft Loans
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	500	4.3%	Soft Loans
Qatar	500	4.3%	Soft Loans
Kuwait	180	1.5%	Soft Loans
Netherlands	245	3.2%	Soft Loans
	122		Contingent Upon Conditions
Turkey	200	1.7%	Soft Loans
EU	183	1.6%	Soft Loans
Italy	147	1.3%	Two Credit lines
US	115	1.0%	Grants
UK	56	0.7%	Grants
	28		Contingent Upon Conditions
Germany	61	0.6%	Soft Loans
	12		Contingent Upon Conditions
Japan	10	0.1%	Loans
Finland	7	0.1%	Loans
Total	11,619	100.0%	

EBRD Contribution in Lebanon

1. Project Capitole: Investment of USD 52,267,129.20 (EUR 42,412,569) to become 2.514% shareholder in Bank Audi, Lebanon

The Project consists of an investment for the purchase of shares of the Company, representing up to 2.5% of the Company's capital and voting rights. The operation will enable Bank Audi to increase its capitalization in Lebanon.

2. Lebanon: Project Phoenicia: Launch and subscription of USD 60 million (EUR 48.7 million) bond issuance by Fransabank, Lebanon

The bond subscription enables Fransabank to expand its lending to commercial energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green building projects in Lebanon.

Outlook for the future

We highly recommend the support of the EBRD to help Lebanon in facing the extraordinary challenges due to the Syrian crisis, through engaging in a range of sectors that can further stimulate our private sector and boost jobs to reduce the remarkable unemployment rate.